

## **GARUDA PURANAM.**

it is his acts that lead him to happiness or misery  
in this world.  
Charity is the highest of all virtues; through  
the merit of  
practising charity a man may acquire a  
kingdom or work  
out his own salvation, and become an  
emancipated Self:  
hence, a man shall\* practise charity and make  
gifts to the  
poor and the worthy. One kind of charity is  
to make gifts  
with proper Dakshinas, another kind of  
charity consists  
in succoring the lives of the oppressed  
and the tyran-  
nised. Those, who obstruct or destroy the  
piety, which is  
acquired by practising penances or  
Brahmacharyayam, or by  
celebrating religious sacrifices, or [by  
performing] ceremonial  
ablutions, go to hell. Those, who are  
devoted to the per-  
formance of Homas, Japas, Pujas and ablutions,  
and are full  
of truthfulness, forbearance and compassion,  
go to heaven.  
None there is who dispenses happiness or  
misery to a man ;  
or removes them out of his own sweet will;  
man suffers  
misery or enjoys happiness as the effects of  
what he has  
done. Those, who live for practising virtues,  
visit their wives  
for the procreation of children, and cast  
offerings to the  
deities for bringing about their satisfaction,  
tide over the  
evils of life. Who is he that cannot live  
contented on fares of  
fruits and bulbs ? It is through company and  
entering into  
relationship that, man dives into troubles.  
Dreadful is the  
consequence of greed alone ; from greed  
proceeds wrath or  
anger; and from wrath, strife ; out of greed  
comes delusion,

from delusion proceeds attachment, from  
attachment pro-  
ceed pride and egotistic feelings. He, who  
lives in peace  
wkk himself, undisturbed by -counter calls of  
desire, wrath,  
freed, pride delusion and falsehood, ascends  
to the region  
of highest bliss, undefiled by the touch of any sin  
whatsoever  
€> Hart, the gods, Ae celestial sages,  
the Nagas, the  
Gaadharvas and Gujhyakas\*adore the pious and  
the truthful  
in this. world, and not tljose who are rich and  
full of desire\*.  
Neither by dint of valour or energy, nor by  
wisdom or occult  
oowcr, a aortal cam obtain that which he is not  
fated to obtain